



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q48708

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Appln. No.: 08/988,181

Group Art Unit: 3711

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Examiner: Raeann Gorden

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For: GOLF BALL SELECTION DEVICE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004. A petition for three months of extension time is being filed herewith, making this response due on July 13, 2004.

Please consider Applicant's comments as follows on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 12-43 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connell (US 1,406,541) ["Connell"] in view of Taylor (US 4,921,255) ["Taylor"] and Sullivan et al. (US 5,172,936) ["Sullivan"], Matney (US 4,763,930) ["Matney"], and Boggs et al. (US 5,348,780) ["Boggs"], each. Sullivan, Matney and Boggs are newly applied references. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.